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| Applicant: | Gilles Jourdin |) | <u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> |
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RESPONSE AND PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Official Action dated October 4, 2004.

An attached RCE Transmittal form presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a
Deposit Account if required.